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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1914, £23,970,367
I.—Authorized Capital £6,000,000
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000
Paid-up Capital £2,437,500
II.—Fire Funds..... 3,837,047
III.—Life & Annuity Funds, 17,657,590
Banking Fund Account 128,231

£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,458
Life and Annuity Branches 2,141,693
Revenue-Marine Department 337,233
Other Receipts 478,946
£25,339,223

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

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PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS, S.A.
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 13th October, 1917, at 1 o'clock Noon, at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road. By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Sept. 29, 1917. 9147

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY the 20th day of October, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending the 31st July, 1917, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will CLOSE from 15th to 20th of October, 1917, both days inclusive.

SEWAN, TOME & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, Oct. 6, 1917. 2177

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A JAPANESE CONVICT IN IRELAND.

Mr. Joseph H. Longford has addressed the following letter to *The Times*:

Kawabe Matsuzo, a Japanese seaman, was convicted at the summer assizes at Belfast, of the murder of a fellow seaman in the same ship, an Englishman, and sentenced to death. The reports of the trial in the local Press are not very full, and judging from them, I have little hesitation in saying that, had the case of the two men been reversed, and the murder taken place in Japan, the extreme penalty of the law would have been carried out. But the Jury recommended the prisoner to mercy. The Judge expressed his full concurrence in their recommendation, and as both had all the facts clearly before them, it must be assumed that they acted on the best of reasons, and the original sentence has since been commuted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to penal servitude for life.

So far we have given to the Japanese an example of the tempering of justice with mercy. But we should go a step further. The sentence will in the usual routine be carried out in the convict deptt at Maryborough. As far as I know, there are only two persons in all Ireland who speak Japanese, or who have any intimate experience or knowledge of Japanese life. Both these gentlemen live far away from Maryborough, and though both have already generously manifested their interest in the prisoner, it is quite impossible for either of them to visit him regularly during the continuance of his sentence. He does not speak English, and he will, therefore, be in absolute solitude among people who understand nothing of his language, his tastes, or his customs, and his imprisonment under such conditions will be a prolonged agony—almost torture. My object in writing to you is to suggest that the prisoner should be transferred to England, to undergo his sentence in a prison, not too much from the fact that he could have occasional visits from his own countrymen, and the officials might regulate his imprisonment so as to suit the ordinary conditions of his life. I do not know who are the proper authorities

before whom this suggestion should be laid, or I should not trouble you, but your columns are a sure pathway to their knowledge, and I trust your space will not be wasted. I have said that the original sentence would have been carried out in Japan. I should add that the Japanese prison system, which I believe to be the most humane and efficient in the world—beyond our own in both respects—makes provision for the proper treatment of European prisoners, who are provided with European food and comforts, and are confined in prisons easily accessible to prisoners of their own nationality, and that in granting the privilege for which I have asked in this case, the authorities will therefore, be doing no more than would be done by their compatriots in Japan for our own countrymen.

A Schoolmaster sends the *Manchester Guardian* the following:

Average age of boys, 10½ years. Extracts from compositions on "BABIES."

"BABIES should not be taught bad habits."

"If it grows older, it begins to have teeth. By this time the mother will know whether it is a boy or a girl."

"Then it begins to eat soft food such as cherries, plums, gooseberries, and soft pears."

"We do not know where babies come from, but my mother always tells me they grow on cabbage leaves."

"BABIES are very innocent-looking, but most of them are little devils. I have to mind our babies."

"Some women have not the patience to have a baby."

"If you want your baby to speak proper when it grows up the mother takes it to have its tongue cut."

"When they are first born they are blind until they are twelve months old."

"They christen babies not only to give them their names, but to teach them the people of God."

"Some babies can be put in a jug."

"Women have babies when they are ill."

"What is wanted is bigger houses and chapter marks."

"They should not be allowed to play with the fire."

"A FEW MORE HOWLERS."

Another schoolmaster has been moved by the above to ransack his collection of "howlers." Here, he says, are a few, the genuine article, not touched up by a word:

"In 55 B.C. Cesar came to Britain for holiday, and as soon as he saw the place he went back."

"Antoninus built a wall from the Fourth to the Fifth of Clyde."

"In 'Trials by Ordeal,' a man could choose either to eat a piece of bread or a red-hot pugnash."

"In the South Seas Bubble heaps of people were irretrievably lost."

"Sir Francis Bacon, Henry V.; he was a highly robust young boy, but of course had no need of it."

"Hamboil had the greatest feet in history; this is shown by his famous march."

"Cesar was stabbed in the eye of March."

"When a man is drunk he swears at his wife and to render her unfit for the morning's work."

"Socialism means having all the railroads on one line and all that sort of thing which sounds rather hopeless."

"I think that if women got into parliament, she would want the Houses of Parliament decorated with lace curtains, which are, of course, no use in the government."

"All geometry begins with a general denunciation."

"A circle has surface with a centre and the middle."

COUGHING INTO CONSUMPTION

Only a Cough but, oh so while it is ONLY a cough

WATERBURY'S METABOLIZED COD LIVER OIL COMPOUND

The finest preparation made for combating severe coughs.

Coughs, colds, catarrhs, etc.

It cures all kinds of coughs.

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TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS,
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As follows:
Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and
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Extensive Dining Tables and Chairs,
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Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, etc., Bath
Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and
Writing Tables, Sundry Electro-plated
Ware, etc.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood
and Teakwood Screens, Sundry Blackwood
Furniture, including Large 6-fold
Blackwood Screen with 4-Coloured
Panels, Engravings, Pictures, etc., etc.,
Tennis Posts and Netting.

Turkish Bath Sheets, Towels, Single
and Double Bed Sheets, Bed Quilts, etc.,
Also

One Large Hall Clock.
PIANO by Collard & Collard.
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Stuttgart.

One Pair Old Pekinese Brass Lions.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1917. 2188

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SATURDAY,
the 13th October, 1917, at 10.45 a.m.,
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MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,
Comprising:—

Lady's Silk Sweaters, Silk Stockings,
Silk Opera Coats, a variety of Dress
Materials including a few pieces of
Prints, Holland, White Linen, Drill,
Flannel, Flannelette, etc., &c., Counter-
pances, White Blankets, Handkerchiefs,
Towels, Toilet Soap, Perfumery, White
Lace Curtains, &c.,

And
Suit Cases, Gent's Boots and Shoes,
etc., etc.

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Hongkong, August 25, 1917. 2007

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A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon.
Four roomed houses in Kowloon.

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OFFICES at 2 Connaught Road Central.
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HOUSES in Morton Terrace and
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TELEGRAMS.

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AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

RUSSIAN CABINET FORMED.

PARIS, Oct. 9.

A new Coalition Cabinet has been formed. It comprises six Socialists with M. Kerensky (Premier and Commander-in-Chief) and eleven Democratic and bourgeois representatives, including M. Tretiakoff as Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Verkhovsky Minister of War, and Admiral Verdovsky Minister of Marine.

LATER.

The new Cabinet includes M. Nikitin, a Minister of the Interior and of Posts and Telegraphs; M. Avksentieff, Minister of Agriculture; M. Gvozdev, Minister of Labour and M. Bernatzky, Minister of Finance.

STRIKE IN THE BAKU OIL-FIELDS.

BAKU, Oct. 9.

A general strike has been declared in the oil-fields because the employers have refused not to dismiss workmen, except with the consent of the Trade Unions.

INCREASED WAGES FOR RUSSIAN RAILWAYMEN.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 9.

The Government has decided to grant increases on the wages of the railway strikers, which will necessitate an annual expenditure of seven hundred and fifty million roubles. The Government will also provide for special supplies for the railwaymen who will receive their food before the other supplies are distributed.

THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

PARIS, Oct. 9.

It is reported that the Sultan of Egypt is dying.

(His Highness Hussein Kamil, G.C.E., was created Sultan of Egypt in December 1914. He is 64 years of age.)

COUNT LUXBURG STILL IN ARGENTINE.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9.

It appears that Count Luxburg has not sailed but has temporarily withdrawn to a place, not named, in the interior, as he is unable to embark without a safe conduct and his presence in Buenos Aires was dangerously exciting the population.

The neighbouring Governments have objected to his crossing the frontier.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE IN ARGENTINE.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9.

There is no prospect of a settlement of the railway strike. The strikers are attacking the railroad repaired.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PURCHASE OF BUTTER.

MELBOURNE, Oct. 9.

It is announced that the Imperial Government butter purchase involves 30,000 tons valued at £4,500,000.

RECENT EXPLOSION AT A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, Oct. 9.

The Press Bureau announces that there were ten deaths and two people were injured in the fire, which followed upon an explosion in a munitions factory, in the north of England, on October 2.

COTTON IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, Oct. 9.

The cotton condition in lower Egypt is 94 per cent, and in upper Egypt 96 per cent. The final result is not expected to be so favourable as was anticipated but the quality of the fibre for the spinning outturn is particularly good.

A massive, well-bound Bible (revised version) has just been received for use in St. John's Cathedral. The donor is Captain Carr, who is a keen student of the Bible and offered to provide a suitable book when it was decided to use the revised in the place of the authorised version. It is generally admitted, says *Church Notes*, that the language of the revised version differs in comparison with the older translation but the former is far more accurate and clear, a result which certainly outweighs the difficulty of language.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE REICHSTAG DEBATE.

A SOCIALISTS SUGGESTION.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 9.

A message from Berlin states that the Reichstag has postponed the debate on the Fatherland Party interpellation and instead of passing the third reading of the supplementary budget sent it back to the Main Committee, despite the protests of the Conservatives.

Herr Ebert, a Socialist, said that after Saturday's debate it was most interesting to ascertain how the Imperial funds were used for the Fatherland Party propaganda in the Army. Therefore, the Budget, which authorised another two hundred millions sterling worth of Treasury Bonds, must be reconsidered, after which the Reichstag might insist upon the reorganisation of the Government offices.

The Minister of War, General von Stein, declared that the propaganda service was covered from general funds.

Dr. Helferich defended his behaviour on Saturday.

Dr. Michaelis again spoke and promised action in the cases which had been exposed where the higher officials, on behalf of the Fatherland Party, had unduly influenced the lower officials. He dwelt on the necessity for a propaganda at the front, though, he said, sometimes it was difficult to distinguish propaganda from politics! He excused the criticism on the reply to the Papal Note and denied that propaganda was working for the support of the Fatherland Party.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR RETURNS TO BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 9.

A message from Berlin states:- Dr. Michaelis has returned to Berlin from a hurried visit to the Kaiser at Headquarters, the object of which is much commented upon.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Oct. 8.

Silver is quoted 45/-d. The market is dull.

AMERICAN EMBARGO ON DUTCH SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.

The Government has refused to grant a licence for bunker coal for the liner *Nieuw Amsterdam*, because Holland would not give assurances that the ship would return to the United States after discharging her Belgian Relief cargo.

It is stated that this action forecloses a complete embargo on the large fleet of Dutch ships now in New York harbour unless Holland permits its ships to carry cargoes for the United States.

ECUADOR AND GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.

The Ecuador Minister to the United States states that his Government has decided not to receive the German ex-Minister to Peru, who has left Lima for Quito.

This is regarded here as equivalent to a rupture with Germany.

FORT WILLIAM STRIKE SETTLED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9.

The strike of longshoremen on the river Fort William has been settled on the intervention of the Government.

Grain will now move rapidly from the head of the lake navigation to the seaboard.

WHAT IS RELIGION?

DEAN HENSON ON THE CHRISTIAN'S CREDITS.

Precaching at St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, London, the Dean of Durham (Dr Hensley Henson) said no question was more asked to-day than "What is religion?" No religious man doubted that he had a direct and immediate relation to God. In spite of superstitions and aberrations, the conviction to being in personal relation with God was the indispensable foundation of religion. Such a conviction would sink into grotesque fanaticism if it stood alone. But it did not. The spirit of man included the intelligence carried within himself. Every man carried within himself the corrective of false doctrines about God. The law of nature must find the supremacy of the highest in nature.

In such circumstances of time personal knowledge was wanted. The fear of experiences of the last three years had unsettled many beliefs, and on many devout minds the dark shadow of doubt had fallen. Who could wonder? Christian principles seemed to have broken down; the whole view of human duty which the Gospel presented had been challenged; and the nations called Christians were locked in conflict which carried them from one extreme of cruelty to another as though there were no longer any power left in the Sacred Name. But if they would be true to their inner knowledge of God there would come to them a bigger knowledge and a longer vision.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB NAVY.

The following will represent the Club against the Navy on the Club ground, Saturday, October 13, at 2 p.m.:-

T. P. Pearce (Captain), J. D. Connelly (Second Captain), H. M. McMurtry (Third Captain), H. M. McMurtry (Fourth Captain), H. M. McMurtry (Fifth Captain), H. M. McMurtry (Sixth Captain).

ENORMOUS FLOODS IN NORTH CHINA.

REMOVAL OF CAPITAL LIKELY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.

The enormous floods in North China, in a densely populated area of 20,000 square miles, have become an immense, deep lake.

There is a likelihood of Tientsin becoming ice bound and uninhabitable, and also the removal of the Capital from Peking will be necessary, owing to the instability of communications.

THE CAUSE OF FLOODS IN CHINA.

THE NEED OF AFFORESTATION.

In the days of the Chou dynasty, between two and three thousand years ago, when this quarter of China was known as the kingdom of Yen, it was described as a pleasant sylvan country, wooded and wild, and full of game. In the intervening centuries the Chinese who have succeeded to the Tartar horsemen of those days have contrived to make all of Chihli which they have found worth farming, as bare and desolate, as ugly and dusty as the provincial Shensi in which they developed their culture and later their faculty for making a landscape hideous and untenable. The Yellow River is described as China's Sorrow. The Han Ho is the little river of Chihli, and yet three thousand years ago the Han Ho was undoubtedly a pleasant, clear stream, running in an even tenor throughout the year, enriching but never devastating the country through which it flowed. There is no need in this age to point out to any foreigner that deforestation of the hills in which the rivers of China rise is the true root of all these wavy sorrows, but it is a simple fact which has yet to be forced upon the Chinese, whose blind ignorance of causes and superstitious interpretation of effects is still greater sorrow than the occasional floods. We do not advocate the substitution of tree worship for the various national Chinese faiths, but if tree worship could give the Chinese an appreciation of the material and aesthetic damage done their land by the removal of the forests, we should cheerfully undertake to write hymns to the hamodrads and set the example of solemnly kowtowing to everything that assumed bark and put out leaves. The government has it in its power however to bring the importance of trees home to the very shrewd and practical Chinese in a hundred ways more logical and effective, and at such a season as this, when millions of Chinese throughout six or eight provinces are paying with their lives or with the loss of everything they have in the world for the sins of their ancestors against China's outraged forests and hills every conceivable medium of publicity, every government, department, and every unofficial organization which the government can press into the service should be utilized to impress upon the masses the real causes of the floods which will totter vastly more than that, and which are probably costing many thousands of lives in the districts which are now merged in a great inland lake. If the Chinese people were made fully aware of the need, if the Chinese Government had sufficient interest in the welfare of the people (which it has not), to instill into them a horror of denuded hills and treeless plains, and to inspire them with a fervour for seeing trees grow over something else than the ashes of their defunct forerunners, who are responsible for the hideousness and misery of nearly all of China that is under cultivation, there might be a movement afoot in a very few years which would restore to the Chinese of this generation something of the beauty and climatic charm of the China that the ancients enjoyed, and would render superfluous the annual drudgery and expense of dyke building and drain digging without which the plains about us would be a marsh half the year and a desert the other half.

Besides the need of trees the need of dykes and ditches is nothing more than the need of a temporary expedient. Deforestation is the original cause of all the sorrows which China suffers from drought and flood, and afforestation is without exaggeration, the only permanent form of relief. Beside the work which the Government should undertake both on its own account and through the enlightenment of the people for the reforestation of China, the various reclamation works, the draining and digging, the erection of vast and expensive embankments, seem like children's devices for shirking real responsibility. The dykes and ditches are needed badly enough for this and some generations to come, but for the future China it is silly to plan such temporary makeshifts, while the essential work of flood prevention, the work of afforestation, is left to a little poverty-stricken burgh, to a poverty-stricken minority and to the personal efforts of a few enthusiasts. If an acre of bill had been planted in trees for every hundred dollars lost this year through floods there would be no such floods in the next generation. *China Evening Times*.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, Aug. 15.

NORTH AMERICA AND THE WAR.

That picturesque literature and socialist, Mr. R. Cunningham Graham, has just returned from a Government mission to South America, of which he has a particularly intimate knowledge.

During the past two years, this far-travelled Scot has added considerably to his mileage. For nine months he was engaged in the purchase of horses in the Argentine and Uruguay, and afterwards he spent nine months in the Republic of Colombia inquiring into the cattle resources of the country. In characteristic racy fashion he ridicules the idea that Brazil is in any danger from the 500,000 Germans settled in the Rio Grande do Sul. They have been there for some fifty years: are all Swabians, "honest, unprogressive people, who have practically become white negroes." They cultivate a little patch of yams and bananas and are "perfectly content to vegetate" neither dangerous nor an advantage to the country."

The same cannot be said of the German business houses in the towns, in Mr. Cunningham Graham's opinion: and the German question in Brazil is a burning one. Much of the coffee industry in the province of San Paulo is in the hands of Germans. Shortly before the war a school map was published in Germany in which portions of San Paulo and the whole of the Rio Grande were shown as belonging to the German Empire. This so thoroughly alarmed the Brazilians that as speedily as possible, they passed a law through their Congress forbidding the study of Portuguese, and enacting that no contracts should be valid unless written in the language of the country. This, together with various other enactments, has pretty well got the German question in order in Brazil.

In Colombia, in the Panama zone, Mr. Cunningham Graham reports a complete transformation in the feeling towards Great Britain. "A common danger makes us wonderful kind," he says; and "I heard admiration for the immense work Great Britain has done, and a determination to stand by her to the very utmost." Great Britain is the most popular of all foreign countries in Colombia. This is owing to two circumstances—the aid that we gave them at the time of their independence, and the great fear that they are in of the United States after their Panama exploit."

Indeed throughout Spanish America, in Mr. Cunningham Graham's opinion, the feeling is rapidly hardening in favour of the Allies, whereas at the beginning of the war opinion was in a fluid state.

SCOT MEDICALS.

The British Empire owes a bigger debt than is sometimes realised, to the Scotch schools of medicine and surgery, particularly those of Edinburgh. How important is the part they are playing in the amelioration of the health conditions in our tropical dependencies is brought out very strongly in the Gold Coast, Ashanti, and the Northern Territories, which has just been published in the Gold Coast Government Gazette. I have had the curiosity to analyse the list in respect to the qualifications of those whose names appear on it. Out of a total of 115 practitioners, no fewer than 45, or almost exactly 40 per cent, hold diplomas from Edinburgh, Glasgow, or Aberdeen. Of these 45, all but 10 qualified wholly or in part in Edinburgh, so that close on 30 per cent of the medical practitioners on the Gold Coast have passed through the Edinburgh schools.

EDINBURGH AND ST. ANDREWS.

Sir W. Watson Cheyne, Bart., Professor of Clinical Surgery in King's College, London, presently Surgeon-General attached to the Royal Navy, was returned without opposition, member of Parliament for the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews. He comes of a Sheila family; is lord of one of the Islands; and is a graduate of Edinburgh University, where he was one of Lister's most ardent followers.

THE CLANNISH MACLEANS.

A Highland friend tells me a remarkable story about a notable member of the Clan MacLean, a British officer who was taken prisoner by the Germans at Mons. It appears that there is a branch of the clan in the land of the Boche, and that some years ago they sent representatives to the Duan celebration. When they discovered that a MacLean was among them, they remembered their old blood ties, securing for him the best of treatment and all sorts of special privileges. As these MacLeans were in Germany in the time of Frederick the Great this is a great testimony to the enduring character of the clan spirit, and it is a pretty story—but it will be better to wait and hear the account of the MacLean officer at the end of the war.

BALFOUR BROWNE'S REMINISCENCES.

Encouraged by the success of "Forty Years at the Bar," Mr. Talfour Browne, Esq., has written a book of recollections. He gives much gossip and tells many stories. Once his confessor is there in the land of folk, of which he always

interested him, and that perhaps this was because in early life he was brought in contact with the insane, his father being in medical charge of the Crichton Royal Institution in Dumfries. On one occasion he tells us that "at a political meeting in the county a heckler who had known something of my history asked if it were not the fact that I had been born in a lunatic asylum." That, I think, was regarded as very much of a home-thrust by my political opponents, but I was able to answer, "Yes, it is true, that I was born in a lunatic asylum, but I was discharged cured. If you had been born there, you would have been there yet."

Mr. Browne's earliest recollection of note refers to the day when he was at Edinburgh University and was a student under Professor Blackett. He recalls a College Magazine—earlier than the one of which R. L. S. speaks. "I am to some extent responsible for the death of that innocent little magazine in grey, for I contributed a story which was begun in the first number and was to be finished in the second. But the second, alas! never saw the light. Still, it is quite possible that the unpublished part of 'Charlie Stuley' had as much value as the chapters which were printed."

Some of the stories are too well-known: one is quite fresh and lively; and others are half and between. Among the old ones retold is the gift of De Quincey at Hogg & Co., when he quarrelled with them. "The devil must have got into these swine." And we are glad to be reminded of Professor Ferrier's definition of utility, "milking he goat into a sieve." There is also the story of the minister who, listening to a storm while he was praying for good weather, Weel, weel, bicker away, good Lord, au' apol a' the pair bodies rape as Ye did last year." Ye ha'e a muckle credit o' Yer work." And to conclude, the authentic prayer of the clergyman who departs thus, "O, Lord, in the invincible absence of the Lord Bishop o' Brechin, and in the deplorable state of the weather, we do not propose to address Thee at any great length."

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EDUCATION IN THE
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A NEW SCHOOL AGE.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 10.

Mr Fisher introduced the Education Bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. His speech was a fine effort based, on the scholar's assumption that "education is one of the good things of life which should be more widely shared amongst the children of the country."

Mr Fisher formulated his specific proposals under the following six heads:-

(1) We desire to improve the administrative organization of education.

(2) We are anxious to secure that every boy and girl of elementary school age up to the age of 14 shall be unimpeded by the competing claims of industry.

(3) We desire to establish part-time day continuation schools, which every young person shall be compelled to attend, unless he or she is undergoing some suitable form of alternative instruction.

(4) We make a series of proposals for the development of the higher forms of elementary education and for the improvement of the physical condition of the children under instruction.

(5) We desire to consolidate the elementary school grants.

(6) We wish to make an effectively survey of the whole educational provision of the country, and to bring private educational institutions into closer and more convenient relations to the national system.

Coming to the details of the Bill, the Minister explained that it imposed a duty upon the council of every county borough to provide for the progressive development and comprehensive organization of education in their areas and to submit schemes to the Board of Education.

In order that this function might be adequately discharged, it was proposed to remit the £1. limit of the amount raised for higher education. But there were some problems which could be most conveniently considered in relation to larger areas, and the Board was to be empowered to provide for the establishment of provincial associations, which would be empowered to exercise functions delegated to them by local authorities.

It was proposed to require education authorities to make adequate provision for what might be termed higher elementary education.

Mr Fisher passed to a series of proposals designed to improve our existing fabric of elementary education, so as to secure to every child a sound physique and a solid groundwork of knowledge before the period when the part-time system began. These proposals can be summarized as follows:-

(1) We propose to encourage the establishment of nursery schools for children under five.

(2) We propose to amend the law of school attendance so as to abolish all exemptions between the ages of five and 14.

(3) We propose to place further restrictions upon the employment of children during the elementary school period.

The second of these proposals, Mr Fisher said, involved the abolition of the half-time system, which flourished in certain parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire. He considered that the end of the war, when a large mass of new labour would be thrown on the market, would be a convenient period at which to terminate this system. Under the third head, it was proposed that no child should be employed for profit.

The most novel, if not the most important, provision in the Bill was next examined by Mr. Fisher. He proposed that, with certain exceptions, every young person be longer under obligation to attend a public elementary school than to attend a continuation school for a year or two hours in the year or the equivalent of eight hours a week for 40 weeks. Every young person, who did not receive a full-time education up to the age of 16, was to receive a part-time education up to 18 either in schools provided by the local education authority or in schools under their direction, such as those established by manufacturers in their works. He laid emphasis on another provision of great importance. The Bill provided that part-time instruction should be by day. It must be taken out of the employer's time, and provision was made to ensure that a young person should not be worked unduly long hours during the days on which the continuation classes were held.

A working mother in the North of England (writes "Vance") said to me in the second year of the War, "A bad War! I don't think. Thirty bob a week allowance 'comm' in regular, and I got rid of a bad 'ubine." Other people have like reasons to think it a good War. A fifth connected with the purchase and the sale of silver has netted, I am informed, twelve millions sterling since Aug. 4, 1914. Two other financial firms of like extraction dealing in the same commodity have likewise made enormous fortunes.

A good many people seem to be a bit more than a bit puzzled by the nomenclature adopted in the mention of the colossal sums of the war loans, etc. For example, take this little lot:-

1,000,000,000.

This, in English, is one thousand million.

In the American tongue it is one billion.

In French it is one billion, or one milliard.

The British billion is one million million and in America this is called a trillion. In figures it looks rather a lot, thus:-

1,000,000,000,000.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

TRAINING.
The following courses of training have been approved by the G.O.C.:—
Math over 50 years of age.—
18 drills per annum (in the cold weather).
Musketry Course as for Transport Workers Battalions.

D.D. Company.
12 drills per annum (in the cold weather).
Musketry Course as for Transport Workers Battalions.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, Y.D.

Duties for remainder of this month, as per last week's orders, are cancelled.

PARADES.
FELDAY, 12th instant:—
7.30 a.m., Right Half Company (Range Takers' Class and Gun Numbers as detailed at Belcher's Battery).

5.30 p.m., Right Half Company (Layers' and Setters' Class only), at Belcher's Battery.

6.30 p.m., Left Half Company (Layers' and Setters' Class only), at Belcher's Battery.

Orders for Engineers Company by Captain W. Russell.

5TH TO 12TH INSTANT.
Nightly E. L. Manning at Belchers and Lyemun as per Rotations posted at Headquarters.

OFFICERS ON DUTY.
Lyemun, Lieut. Stevenson, O.D./D.E.L.; Stonecutters, 2nd Lieut. Brown, O.D./D.E.L.; Belchers, 2nd Lieut. Mathewman.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.
At Belcher's at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday under Staff Scripts, Ovengine and Parsons, R.E. Corp. Day and 2nd Corp. Morris, R.H.D.C.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.
"A" COMPANY.

THURSDAY, 11th instant:—
6.45 p.m., No. 2 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men as detailed by Lieut. Bason) at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part I, Practices 3 and 4, Dress Drill order with two small pouches.

5.30 p.m., No. 3 Platoon at Headquarters, Musketry Instruction, Dress Drill order. Corp. Meade will attend to instruct.

"B" COMPANY.

THURSDAY, 11th instant:—
6.30 a.m. at Peak Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part I, Practices 3 and 4. The following will attend:—Private M. W. J. C. Hogg, F. Miller, W. H. Smith, V. J. C. Hobbs, F. C. Severn, E. Merton, C. H. P. Hay, A. G. M. Fletcher, F. H. Hallifax, A. G. Coppin, W. J. Lark, W. E. Roberts and R. McGregor Officer in charge, Lieut. Peacock.

4.45 p.m. Men over 50 years of age, at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Drill order with pouches.

Men of the Tai Koo Sections will complete their Tests of Elementary Training at Tai Koo Dock, under arrangements to be made by their platoon Commander.

Men of "B" Company, other than Tai Koo and Kowloon Docks Sections, who have not passed the Grouping Test (T.E.T.) will attend at Kennedy Road Range at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th instant. Officer in Charge, Lieut. E. Evan Jones.

Men other than those in Kowloon Docks and Tai Koo Sections, who have not completed their Tests of Elementary Training will attend at Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th October. Dress Drill order with four pouches (or two buff pouches). Two N.A.O.s ("B" Co.) will attend to assist.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

THURSDAY, 11th instant:—
5.30 p.m. Hongkong Detachments at Headquarters, Dress Clean Fatigue.

MOUNTED SECTION.
THURSDAY, 11th instant:—
5.30 p.m. at Jockey Club Stables Dress Drill order.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

THURSDAY, 11th instant:—
5.30 p.m., "B" and "C" Classes at Headquarters, Dress Clean Fatigue.

FRIDAY, 12th instant:—

5.30 p.m., "A" Class at Happy Valley, Station Work, Dress Clean Fatigue.

RECRUITS.

FRIDAY, 12th instant:—

5.30 p.m. All units except "B" Company, a Murray Parade Ground under Brig. Officer, Corps. Educator and Guards, Lt. Col. Drill Order.

"D" COMPANY.

FRIDAY, 12th instant:—

5.30 p.m. New members (joined since 1917) at Headquarters, Lecture on Musketry Instruction by Corp. Edmunds.

PERSONAL.

On duty 11th instant, "B" Company, 1st Lt., do, do.

Orderly Officer from 7th to 12th October, Lieut. H. Branch.

On duty 14th instant, "B" Company, 1st Lt., do, do.

1st Lt., do, do.